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Note verbale dated 1 June 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo and has the honour to refer to his note SCA/1/04 (11) requesting information on the actions taken by Costa Rica to implement the sanctions imposed by the Security Council concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

In that regard, the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica has the honour to provide the following information:

1. Costa Rica, which has no army, has not directly or indirectly supplied, sold or transferred, from its territory or by its nationals, or using its flag vessels or aircraft, any type of arms or related materiel to any Congolese or foreign armed groups and militias operating in the territory of North Kivu or southern Ituri or to any other armed group active in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Nor has Costa Rica provided any assistance, advice or training related to military activities, or to the use of arms, to the aforementioned armed groups. Costa Rica also has not served as a bridge for the transit of arms to those armed groups. Please find herewith certification in that regard by Major Eric Karolicki Karolicki, Director-General of Armaments of the Costa Rican Ministry of Public Security.*

2. Costa Rica has no diplomatic or consular representation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

3. The Government of Costa Rica has no information about possible violations of the measures imposed by the Security Council concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica is working diligently to ensure that Costa Rica continues to implement fully the Security Council provisions concerning the armed groups operating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

* The text is available in the files of the Secretariat.

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4. In conclusion, the Government of Costa Rica is fully implementing the measures imposed by the Security Council under resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the embargo on the supply of arms and military assistance to certain groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).